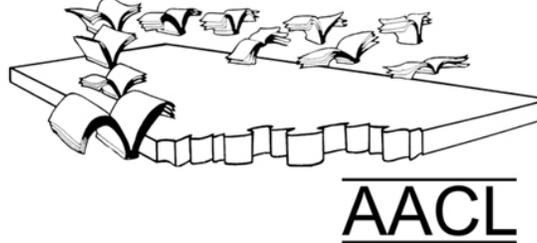


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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

You don't want to miss an AAAL meeting. The April 20th meeting was a perfect example of why you need to be there and it had nothing to do with me. Starting backwards, the workshops arranged by Geoff Owens and Ann Gish were - what's that little simple word? Oh yes - perfect. Of course the quality of workshops has something to do with the presenters, their subject and style but it starts with workshop coordinators who come up with solid ideas and then, with a whole bunch of work, contact top-notch speakers, arrange for the technology, and greet, introduce and thank the speakers. Unfortunately the King of Workshops, Geoff Owens, has stepped down from that position but he mentored Ann Gish, a woman with the same fine traits. Ann will be joined by Alice Swabey. Alice has always struck me as someone with 'fire in her belly'. I hope that is the right phrase. I mean energy, enthusiasm and ideas. I am sure great workshops will continue to be a star feature of the AAAL meetings.

Geoff is not a person who steps out of the action. He traded in his workshop crown for the Chair's position, a position he's previously held. He must believe that a change is as good as a rest. His support team at the executive level now includes Lillian Li as the new and capable Secretary/Treasurer and Karen Hering as Director at Large. Thanks to all of them for taking on these roles.

AAAL members also need to thank James Rout for the work he continues to do on both the listserv and website. But James can't do all the work. We all need to contribute to the website. It's found at <http://aacl.engineseven.com/> and if you have difficulties logging on, contact James directly at james_rout@banffcentre.ca. Much as I wish I could, I can't whine if I don't contribute and neither can you. So help make this a valuable tool. Start by saying what projects your library is working on this summer. Summer and library projects always go together.

During the past year, AAAL members did a good collective job at raising the profile of the colleges within LHCADL. We managed to get all those colleges who showed an interest included from the beginning. So, the work of this group does have an impact. LHCADL is a key initiative in this province. If you have unanswered questions or concerns, voice them. Kit Wilson, Manager of LHCADL, is very approachable. Contact her at KWilson@thealbertalibrary.ab.ca

I can't stop writing before I thank Susan Brayford and her staff at SAIT for hosting the April AAAL meeting. Susan must have been an events coordinator in a previous life. She is so gracious and thinks of all the details that make these meetings flow smoothly.

To end this, thank you for giving me the opportunity to Chair the group for the past 2 years. When I attended my first AAAL meeting just over 2 ½ years ago, you were a very welcoming group of people. I have sought advice from many of you and always

received much help and assistance. It is a great community.

I hope you all a wonderful summer, Robin

Minutes for the Alberta Association of College Librarians

Spring 2006 Minutes
SAIT, Heart Building
Thursday, April 20th
9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Meeting Attendance

Name	Institution
Christine Sammon	Alberta College of Art and Design
Kit Wilson	Alberta Library
James Rout	Banff Centre
Carol Nicks	Canadian University College
Joyce Van Scheik	Canadian University College
Dan Mirau	Concordia University College of Alberta
Ann Gish	Grande Prairie Regional College
Jennifer Thomas	Grande Prairie Regional College
Fiona Dyer	Lethbridge Community College
Debbie McGugan	MacEwan
Sheila Drummond	Medicine Hat College
Keith Walker	Medicine Hat College
Lillian Li	Medicine Hat College
Geoff Owens	Mount Royal College
Marilyn Ewald	Mount Royal College
Alice Swabey	Mount Royal College
Brad Neufeldt	Mount Royal College
Peggy French	Mount Royal College
Margy Macmillan	Mount Royal College
Pearl Herscovitch	Mount Royal College
Meagan Weber	Mount Royal College
Janet Monteith	Mount Royal College
Helga Kinnaird	NAIT
Joan Morrison	Norquest College
Robin Minion	Olds College
Barbara Palmer	Portage College
Wayne Wicks	Prairie Bible Institute
Anne Marie Watson	Red Deer College
Joanne Mokry	Red Deer College
Kristine Plastow	Red Deer College
Nora Robinson	SAIT
Zahina Iqbal	SAIT
Kat Johnston	SAIT
Susan Brayford	SAIT

9:00 – 9:30 COFFEE

9:30 – 10:30

1. Welcome. Roundtable Introductions and Update on Anything 'New' in Your Institution.

Robin Minion – Olds College is opening a new campus (Calgary Stampede). A new building is being erected that will be attached to the library and will include a theatre.

Fiona Dyer – Lethbridge Community College

Kathy Lea, library manager, will be going on a library exchange to England for four months beginning July 1.

Susan Brayford – SAIT

The SAIT library is expanding into the center core with computer commons, display cabinets and lounge seating to create 40 additional seats for students. SAIT was happy to welcome their newest librarian, Kat Johnson, who is first full time library employee to be hired in 16 years. Kat is working on increasing library instruction.

Christine Sammon – Alberta College of Art and Design

ACAD has a new president and new vp academic. The President would like to build a new campus. ACAD received provincial money for 10 additional students for 2006-2007. ARLIS conference of which James and Christine are co-chairs will be held in May in Banff in a couple of weeks.

James Rout – Banff Center

The Banff Center is planning for a new library facility 2009.

May Chan - SAIT

SAIT has started a library blog.

Meagan Weber – Mount Royal

Mount Royal is signing up with OCLC. Mount Royal has recently welcomed three new librarians **Alice Swabey, Peggy French and Brad Neufeldt.**

NAIT – developing online modules to complement online courses

Barbara Palmer - Portage College

Barbara has moved into management position. The college will have 20 -50 computers in a new commons and a new branch in Cold Lake. In 3-4 weeks, the library, will have its own webpage.

Joan Morrison – Norquest College

The college is introducing a business and industry careers program. The curriculum for research and report writing is being designed and perhaps delivered by library.

Debbie McGugan – Macewan College

Eight new majors will be offered in the Fall degree programs. The library has been busy spending money on resources to support the new degrees and will soon be hiring staff. The library received \$3.1 million one time funding for resources and \$480,000 ongoing operating funds. Macewan is investigating the offering of a Bachelor of Science, Music and Nursing Expansion of the physical library space will start next summer

Lillian Li – Medicine Hat College – Lillian is back from her maternity leave and Joanne Mokry is now at Red Deer College. Medicine Hat College will be offering a degree in Education in partnership with the University of Alberta.

Later this evening, Sheila Drummond is being recognized for her work with “One Book One Community” initiative. Sheila was instrumental in Medicine Hat becoming the third community in Canada to offer the program.

Wayne Wicks – Prairie Bible Institute

The Prairie Bible Institute is implementing Horizon ILS. The library is thrilled to be included in the Lois Hole initiative.

Peggy French - Mount Royal College

The library has just completed a survey with students that have provided staff with valuable feedback.

Jennifer Thomas – Grand Prairie College

The college is undergoing growth in a number of programs. GPC will be partnering with UNBC for Masters of Education, with U of A for degree status.

Geoff Owens – Mount Royal College

The college is currently shortlisting for two new librarians.

Kristine Plastow – Red Deer College

Red Deer College is investigating degree granting status and will be starting with the Business program. The library is merging with the RDC Teaching and Learning center – people moving into library

Joanne Mokry – Red Deer College

Joanne has accepted a position as the librarian at the new Rocky Mountain House campus of Red Deer College.

Anne Marie Watson – Red Deer College

Anne Marie will be participating in panel on marketing your library at CLA.

Dan Mirau – Concordia University College

The library is currently completing its annual satisfaction survey which was delivered online. Two practicum students are currently being hosted. The seminary library will be joining

NEOS as a branch of Concordia and holdings will be showing up in NEOS soon. NAIT receiving CTCL award for its online academic integrity module.

2. Approval of Agenda

Kristine Plastow – Added “libqual” to agenda

Robin Minion added – “TAL representative”

Dan Mirau added “online shipping tool”

3. Approval of Minutes of the Spring 2005 meeting

Anne Gish moved for approval of Minutes of the Spring 2005 meeting, Keith Walker seconded the motion. Minutes of the Spring 2005 meeting were approved

4. Executive Report:

a. Chair: Robin Minion
Robin acknowledged that May and June are very busy months but that it is still important to meet and participate in educational programs. Robin thanked SAIT for hosting the meeting and Lethbridge Community College for sponsoring the morning coffee break. Wanjikuu has returned to her position at Lakeland College and will be rejoining AACL meetings soon. Keith Walker is running for chair of CTCL and Robin encouraged everyone to vote (for Keith!). Susan Brayford also encouraged everyone to persevere through the technical maze that is the CTCL online voting process to vote for Keith and offered to help with navigation if needed. Robin thanked James Rout for getting the AACL listserv up and running. She also thanked Jeremy Clyde (in absentia) who has moved on to the University of Calgary for his work with AACL. Three motions were passed at the last meeting regarding the Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library and were satisfactorily addressed by the TAL steering committee. The Fall AACL meeting will be held in Edmonton at Grant Macewan, November 23rd.

Robin moved for acceptance of the Executive Report.

Christine Sammon seconded the motion. The Executive Report was approved.

5. Elections (Chair and Secretary/Treasurer) –
Kristine Plastow

Chair – Geoff Owens was elected Chair of AACL through acclamation

Meagan Weber moved that Geoff Owens be elected Chair of AACL

**Barbara Palmer seconded the motion
Geoff Owens elected through
acclamation.**

Secretary/treasurer - Lillian Li was elected Secretary/Treasurer of AACL through acclamation

**Ann Gish moved that Lillian Li be elected Secretary/Treasurer of AACL
Barbara Palmer seconded the motion
Lillian Li elected through acclamation.**

As Chair of AACL, Geoff Owens will represent its interests to The Alberta Library.

6. Committee and Working Group Reports

a. AACL listserv: James Rout

The AACL listserv is up and running. There is 1mb limit for attachments. Susan Brayford thanked James for his work on the listserv.

b. Website Review Committee: James Rout

There was a challenge with getting a domain name with “aacL” in it because it is same acronym Laval College uses. The website has been set up using a subdomain and can be accessed at **http://aacL.engineseven.com**. A job board is coming soon and an RSS aggregator has been added so that we can start a blog. A short debate about using blogs versus e-mail via the listserv ensued. The Blog is good for asking questions related to all of us and will be threaded so that discussion is organized. The blog will also be good for archiving information. It was also suggested that e-mail could be for items requiring correspondence and the blog could be used for general discussions, recommending websites etc. Susan Brayford inquired about the possibility of including pictures on the website. James indicated that it is possible but eventually server space will be challenged. James suggested flickr for storing pictures.

James asked all to review the directory on the site and update list. Keith suggested statistics and CTCL standards as additions. James will also add back issues of newsletters. James pointed out that anyone can add content to the website.

Discussion of logo – James has drafted a new logo that is available for viewing on the website. The group will review the logo and decide if it is adequate. Helga also volunteered the services of NAIT design3

c. Workshops: Geoff Owens and Ann Gish

Geoff is resigning from position as workshop coordinator

The following were suggested a possible workshop themes for the next meeting.

Bloglines

Marketing your college library

Joanne Mokry – Rocky Mountain

House campus

NAIT – Academic Honesty module

Embedded content at NAIT

10:30– 10:50 Coffee

10:50 – 11:15

Strategic Alliance for Library Advocacy – Karen Hering

Library Association of Alberta Liaison – Karen Hering

eCampus Alberta – Meagan Weber

Newsletter – Dave Weber

Statistics – Susan Brayford

CTCL – Keith Walker

11:15 - 11:45 - Kristine Plastow – “**Internal Library Communication: a new tool**”.

11:45 – 12:45 Lunch and Library Tour

12:45 – 2:00 –David Brown. University of Calgary. “**The Future of the OPAC**”

2:00 – 2:15 – Coffee

2:15 – 3:15 – Margie McMillan. Mount Royal College. “**Exploring the Changing Information Environment**”

3:15 – 4:30 - Kit Wilson – Lois Hole Digital Library Update



WORKSHOP SUMMARY

Submitted by Geoff Owens

Kristine Plastow from Red Deer College demonstrated their staff blog, or “Chatalogue”. Using an open source software from Geeklog, the RDC library staff are piloting a one year trial in the use of an online information-sharing weblog. Daily library news, database updates, staff vacation times, computer issues and an archive are all located within the site (<https://library.rdc.ab.ca>). Kristine provided details about staff buy in, the fairly extensive training issues, and the need for strong IT support in the areas of PHP and MySQL. Overall, it sounds like a very progressive solution to information sharing within the RDC library.

The Future of the OPAC was the title of the David Brown’s presentation. He contrasted a number of new and exciting innovations in OPACs against the apparent stagnation of several OPAC vendors. Innovations are being developed by individuals employed by libraries, rather than with the vendors themselves, and David demonstrated a number of home-made improvements and enhancements. Some of the sites providing “food for thought” that David demonstrated included:

- RedLightGreen (<http://www.redlightgreen.com>)
- Greasemonkey Firefox add-on, especially Amazon library lookups.
- LibraryThing (<http://www.librarything.com>)
- NCSU OPAC (<http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/catalog>) a faceted, highly enhanced OPAC featuring a controlled vocabulary and classification system displayed “overtop” of a regular OPAC.

Mount Royal College’s Margy Macmillan ended the day with a guided tour through the changing library information environment. As information sources, and thus our jobs, grow more complex our perceptions of our role within information retrieval have changed. Self-awareness of these changes can help us deal with the stresses of our everyday work lives. Margy’s presentation is online at: <http://www2.mtroyal.ca/~mmacmillan/conf/aacl2006.ppt>



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Augustana University College

Submitted by Nancy Goebel

Information Literacy Awards

With the ever growing awareness of information usage and assessment needs, Augustana has recognized Information Literacy as a vital area in which to educate our students. In 2001, we introduced 21 for-credit discipline-specific Information Literacy courses for students in Art, Biology, Chemistry, Crime and Community, Drama, Economics, English, Environmental Studies, French, Geography, German, History, Management, Music, Physical Education, Philosophy, Political Studies, Psychology, Religion, Scandinavian Studies, and Sociology. Since their implementation, our reference librarians have noticed a substantial increase in students’ library skills. The same year, we held our first annual Information Literacy workshop. Not only has this workshop been a valuable experience for visiting librarians, but it has been helpful in educating our faculty in different skills and techniques pertaining to Information Literacy. This year, in order to further strengthen the recognition of Information Literacy on our campus, we have created two awards celebrating those who employ it with proficiency: one for a faculty member who supports, encourages, and demonstrates strong Information Literacy skills, and the other for a student who shows extensive, intelligent, and creative use of our library.

Information Literacy DVD

After being asked to prepare a multimedia presentation on Information Literacy for an upcoming conference, I thought it would be exciting to make a DVD outlining Information Literacy initiatives at Augustana. A major part of the DVD was to get a campus-wide response about the impact of our Information Literacy courses, our annual workshops, our Information Literacy assessment practices and our awards. We interviewed students, faculty, administration, and librarians. Altogether we had over 75 participants in this project! It has certainly been a challenge, but thanks to the immeasurable help and support of the Augustana community, we have recently finished and produced our final product. I look forward to presenting it this summer at the American Library Association (ALA) conference in New Orleans and LOEX of the West conference in Hawaii.

Information Literacy Workshop

Our 2005 annual Information Literacy workshop was a huge success, thanks to our fantastic speaker, Judith Peacock, who is the Information Literacy Coordinator at the Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane, Australia. The two day workshop received a very positive response from many participants, and the success makes us eager to host our 6th annual workshop on November 16th, 2006. At this upcoming workshop, Beth Dupuis, the Head of Instructional Services at the University of California in Berkeley, will speak on "Supporting Undergraduate Research Experiences." Registration for this workshop opens in August (www.augustana.ca/library/workshop).

People Logo

This spring we asked for student volunteers to assist us in the creation of an Augustana Information Literacy logo – made of people! We had a great turn out and now have a new visual identity for marketing. We have printed the "logo" on a 3'x8' sheet of paper so students can find themselves – lots of fun! This will be posted at the workshop in November.

Internship Program

During the past year we have been pleased to have participated in the University of Alberta Libraries' Academic Library Internship Program. Kristen Kruse, a graduate of Dalhousie University, has served as our intern for the past year. Kristen has been a huge help to us this year, working on a variety of projects.



Grant MacEwan LRC

Submitted by Roxy Welter

It's been a busy spring at the Grant MacEwan College LRCs, with staffing changes, space and storage planning and technology initiatives.

After nineteen years as a Reference/Collections Librarian at the City Centre LRC, Brenda Duncan has retired. Brenda graduated from Rosary College, Illinois with her MLS in 1966. She went on to work at the Detroit Public Library and the University of Windsor. Brenda was fortunate enough to work in balmy Hawaii for 11 years, where she had to adjust to huge banana spiders and termites hiding among the books. 1980 brought Brenda to Edmonton, to the University of Alberta Herbert T. Coultts Education Library and finally on to Grant MacEwan. Retirement plans include using her reference skills to solve crossword puzzles, spending more time visiting friends and family, and

hanging out at bookstores and the public library. Brenda will be missed by her colleagues, fellow faculty and staff members and students.

In other staffing news, Shannon D'Agnone began a term position as Reference Librarian. Shannon attended the University of Western Ontario's Faculty of Information and Media Studies and previously worked at the Wetaskiwin Composite High School. Claudia Rodning, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin—Madison, is also in a new term position. Claudia previously worked at Concordia University College and the Coultts Library at the University of Alberta. City Centre LRC would also like to welcome back Valeen Gunn, who has returned to Grant MacEwan after an eight year absence. Welcome Shannon, Claudia and Valeen! In addition, the City Centre LRC has advertised four continuing librarian positions. The positions cover a variety of collections areas including the physical sciences, business, English, and history. Along with collections, the incumbents will be involved in reference and instruction. They will help to support the undergraduate degrees that will be offered by MacEwan, as degree operating money has recently been approved.

The degree operating money will allow the LRC to expand its collection, both print and electronic. Library staff are currently evaluating numerous databases, most of which are produced by EBSCO.

These databases provide content on a variety of subject areas, including sociology, psychology, business and literature. On the print side, library staff members were busy this spring ordering a multitude of books. With the expected influx of materials and new students in the fall, the LRC is in need of more room. As a result, a survey was conducted to determine the space utilization and needs of students. Highlights from the survey include the reaffirmation of the importance of separated quiet and group work areas, more private group use rooms and a request for improved traffic control near the first floor service desks.

The student survey provided valuable feedback used in a preliminary space plan created this spring. The plan reflects changes to the layout of the City Centre LRC from 2006 up to 2011. Some of these changes include the relocation of the reference desk to the same floor as the circulation and technology help desks, to facilitate one-stop shopping for patrons. The print collection will be moved around as well. The main circulating collection, which is currently split between two floors, will be consolidated on one floor. Items that are not commonly used will be sent to a remote storage location. In addition, the reference

collection will be moved to the same floor as the three service desks. Two computer labs will be created and utilized for librarian instruction, each seating forty students.

In technology news, the MacEwan Learning Technology Centre (LTC) has initiated a Hot Spot project, enabling students to access the Internet wirelessly from outside of the library or computer labs. There is one hotspot location at City Centre with others planned for South Campus and Centre for the Arts. For students without their own laptops, the LTC has a new "Laptop for Loan" project where for \$5.00 a day, students can book one of the PC or MAC laptops for up to 5 days. Stay tuned for more exciting initiatives at MacEwan!



Medicine Hat College

Submitted by: Lilian Li

Degree granting is always exciting and challenging to college libraries. Medicine Hat College Library staff are all geared up for a busy Spring/Summer to get everything in place for a new BEd degree on campus. This is a collaborative effort between the Medicine Hat College and the University of Alberta with rural elementary focus and is going to start right at the beginning of the coming Fall semester. The ceremony was great with speeches from the college's president and the city's mayor, soft music, tasty food and a little chatting. The stress is really up though because we actually have to get things done before September! Lots of issues need to be taken care of and decisions made. We even had to debate on which classification system we should use for the curriculum collections. And the answer: Dewey Decimal Classification. A new curriculum lab is going to be added to the existing library, which involves enormous shifting and weeding of the current collections. A trip to the University of Lethbridge's curriculum lab has been arranged so that staff can get advices on how to build, maintain and develop the lab.

Now it comes to the reward for the hard work! Sheila Drummond, our Reference Librarian, received her 10 year service award and her very special College Service Achievement award at the same night. The Service Achievement award was to acknowledge her being innovative at initiating and organizing a city-wide One Book One Community event for the past two years and also being an excellent instructional and marketing librarian. The One Book One Community event was a huge

success and the third one is on the way. So stay tuned!

Keith Walker, the director of the Library Services, was elected as the Chair of The Alberta Library and is running for the Chair of the Community and Technical College Libraries. He joked that he has lots of campaign managers but hey, why not! A strong voice from Alberta will certainly lead the Alberta and Canadian college library community to a brighter future!

Music scores! Are we done yet? Well sort of. In early May, the Library staff celebrated the milestone of finishing cataloguing all the existing records, which counts over 3000. To add to the fun of working at the Library, an inventory was done amazingly just in one day on April 24th with the Library closed for the very first time for this purpose and pizza for lunch as well as treats during the breaks.

It is hard to believe that the Vera Bracken Library is 3 years old now although sometimes we or the patrons still refer it as "a new library". The lino floor was noticeably worn out, especially in the computer area. We kept pushing our facilities department to get the floor waxed and they finally listened to us, very carefully. The shinning floor makes us feel like we are walking on the water. Right after the new floor, we got nice comments again about the appearance of the Library, which we were so used to and missing.

Library blog! The Medicine Hat College Library Services makes every effort to ensure that we are on the front line of the library trends. Please check out our blog to read the most recent updates and news from the Library.



Mount Royal College

Submitted by Ross Thrasher

Personnel – (a) Librarians – We have just completed the hiring process for two tenure-track librarian vacancies. One is a new position in the 2006-07 budget, and the other results from Ian Watt's retirement last fall. The successful candidates are Michelle Sinotte (from U of C) and Alice Swabey (who has been on a term-certain contract at MRC Library this past year).

The Library has obtained approval to establish a faculty chair position effective Fall 2006. Janet Monteith has been appointed Library Chair for a three-year term.

Brad Neufeldt, who has been with us on contract since January, has just been appointed College Librarian at St. Mary's University College. (b) Library Support Staff – Our Serials Technician, Marilyn Cox, is retiring in June after 26 years at MRC Library. Access Services Desk Technician Theresa Remtulla will be going on maternity leave in July. We are in the process of recruiting their replacements. We also have budget approval for a new Tech Services Technician position in 2006-07.

Library Technology – (a) Our Endeavor Voyager library system is being moved to a larger server in May, in preparation for a system upgrade in June. (b) The College is converting all networked printers from SmartCard (cash card) to a Pcounter (network debit account) system, and the Library's printers have now implemented Pcounter.

Library Transition Implementation Committee (LTIC) – To sustain the momentum of the MRC Library Transition Task Force (LTF) report that was completed last summer, we established a committee to oversee the implementation of some of the LTF report's recommendations. LTIC hired a senior student from Public Relations, Robin Boschman, for the winter semester to conduct several student focus groups and an internal/external library communication audit. Robin was ably assisted by librarian Peggy French in these projects. An LTIC report has now been drafted for consideration by Library Council at our spring planning day on May 26.

New Degree Proposals – Mount Royal has submitted several proposals for new degrees to Alberta Advanced Education. The first of these, a Bachelor of Nursing, has been approved, which triggers an institutional review by the Quality Council. The Library contributed to the self-study document that MRC has prepared for the QC review team. A site visit has been scheduled for June 12-13.

Professional Development Activities – In April Library Director Ross Thrasher was a delegate at the Chair Academy Conference in Tucson, Arizona, and Library System Administrator Alan Waugh attended the Endeavor End User conference in Chicago. In May librarians Pearl Herscovitch and Margot Millard attended the WILU (Info Lit) conference in Wolfville, N.S. Margy MacMillan and Meagan Weber have both been invited to give papers at another information literacy conference, LOEX of the West, in Hawaii in June. Alice Swabey plans to attend CLA 2006 in Ottawa.



NAIT Library

Submitted by Helga Kinnaird

- Fairview Campus Library staff collected 195 lbs of food for the Student's Association Food Bank thanks to the generous NAIT staff and students who dropped off food in support of students in need.
- On January 26th McNally Library held a very successful open house for students and staff to showcase the "new look" as well as highlight some Library's services available both in person and online.
- Beginning on March 1st, NAIT Libraries staff piloted the use of Instant Messaging to provide real-time reference service to students and staff. The pilot demonstrated that IM complements existing in-person, phone and email library services; it can be added at very low cost; and it will help library staff develop strong virtual reference relationships with students and staff. Hours for IM were expanded and the service declared permanent on May 1st. Isobel Rancier and Harriet Arnold are giving a presentation about this project at the Association of Canadian Community Colleges Conference in Calgary in May.
- Diane Clark has been seconded to the University of Alberta Library from April 2006 to April 2007. Isobel Rancier is acting as Supervisor Information Literacy Instruction during this period.
- Thin client computers are now available to students in public spaces on satellite campuses in Edmonton and in the northwest. Advanced Education provided the funding for the equipment as a grant for an applied research project to test collaborative server-based computing and to expand use of the SuperNet. Because these thin client computers are located in public spaces, students are able to access Library resources, the Student Portal, and the internet anytime the buildings are open. Staff is gathering data on whether this approach achieves greater efficiency, lower cost, and an easier way to use technology in learning.
- Preparations are underway to merge NAIT Libraries two online catalogues in July.

This is the final step to complete the merger of the NAIT and Fairview libraries.

- Diane Clark, together with Kathy Cocchio (a NAIT School of Business instructor), will receive the CTCL Innovation award during the Canadian Library Association Conference in June. This award is for a WebCT course intended for use by NAIT staff - TCI 320: Academic Integrity: Defining It, Building It, Teaching It and Keeping It. The purpose of this online project was to address issues of academic integrity through providing access to learning or training, to establish a learning community where participants can share their teaching experiences, to promote information literacy competencies, and to work collaboratively with teaching faculty. TCI 320 is a self-paced, stand alone online module that demonstrates best practices in instructional design through engaging the learner (faculty) through multimedia, content and learning activities and creating a community of learners via discussion and shared experiences.

This online module/workshop was designed to provide teaching faculty with the necessary tools to address academic integrity. The module has five objectives

1. Defining key terms
2. Understanding student attitudes towards plagiarism
3. Regulating academic integrity at NAIT
4. Deterring, detecting and responding to plagiarism
5. Understanding copyright in online learning

Note: In addition to the described workshop above there is an accompanying academic integrity module for students (one for APA and one for MLA); this was not submitted for this award.

Benefits to the NAIT Libraries are supporting and promoting student success through the reduction or elimination of plagiarism. A co-benefit is the promotion of the library and its services to the NAIT community. Collaborating with teaching faculty through curriculum development vis-à-vis embedding information literacy competencies into the classroom is an integral component of achieving student success.



Olds College

Submitted by Robin Minion

Hot May afternoons make working or even thinking (those two are probably connected) darn hard. But here goes. If this report stops in mid-sentence, you will know I have broken out of the Library into the great outdoors.

I think summer + library = renovations in nearly every library. The ink was barely dry on the last student exam before Campus Facilities flew into the Library with their hammers, saws, paintbrushes, screwdrivers and plastic sheeting. We're expanding the Information Commons and reorienting the layout of the computers to better facilitate teaching. So, the meeting room next door was sacrificed but it was a worthwhile surrender since the enlarged room is much brighter and more functional.

Library staff saw Campus facility staff having so much fun with their tools that they got out their own. Carrels have always been underutilized here so staff removed the partitions between some of the double carrels to expand the student's work surface. If the usage of these carrels increases, more sawing might take place.

Book trucks have also been crisscrossing the Library at high speed. To replace the meeting room demolished in the expansion of the Information Commons, the videos were moved out of another room into the open stacks. The collection was heavily weeded and these have now been made available for circulation to students. After much discussion, faculty can place videos that are heavily used by their students on permanent reserve.

Conference season is another part of springtime activities. Numerous staff attended various conferences such as WILU and AALT. I attended the ARLIS pre-conference workshop on Copyright that was held at the Banff Springs in early May. Both Christine Sammon and James Rout need a pat on the back for helping organize that session (and getting great rates at the Fairmont Banff Springs). Wanda Noel, an Ottawa copyright lawyer, conducted the session and for the first time I think I understood it or most of it (but no questions please!). She was really clear about the principles upon which she was basing her answers. If you get a chance to hear her....

The groundbreaking for the first new building to be constructed as part of the Community Learning

Campus (CLC) will take place on May 24th. This is the e-Learning Core located in the same overall complex as the Library. The new facility will have multiple functions including providing opportunities for distance learning, promoting rural access to high speed internet through the Supernet and access for remote learners, and reducing technology tool/resource redundancy between Olds College and Chinook's Edge School division. In a nutshell, think computer technology and all that involves. In this evolutionary process, we are also continuing discussions on how to best merge the libraries of the College and High School.

That's it, I think, for news from this part of the library world.



Red Deer College

Submitted by Anne Marie Watson

Lots of internal changes at RDC Library these past months. The College went through a reorganization last year, and the Library became part of the new Division of Learning Resources through that process. Other units in the Division are the Teaching Learning Technology Centre (an area to assist faculty with technology or with learning design) and the Computer Learning Lab. Our Library Chair, Alice McNair, has become the Interim Manager of this new Division. Her place as leader of the Library was taken by Maureen Toews, who has become Library Team Leader.

Over the past year, these organizational changes have not had much effect on our day-to-day life in the Library, other than the fact that we're short-staffed because they have not back-filled for Maureen, who is back-filling for Alice. But now the changes are really starting in earnest. The four TLTC staff are moving into the Library, along with their specialized multimedia equipment. We are also welcoming the two staff who work in the Faculty Animator's office – this is a College-wide office which coordinates professional development for all faculty.

So, where do we put six more people and more computers without taking space away from students? That's been the challenge of the space planning people, and they have come up with plans to convert some one-person offices into two-person offices, and to renovate some underutilized spaces (like the microfilm room!) to turn them into offices. The issue we have been most vocal about is that we cannot lose any student spaces, including group study rooms and open study spaces. Things will be

exciting around here as we fit these six people into our space over the summer.

Speaking of student spaces, we conducted a survey of the usage of our group study rooms from February to April. Our library has 12 group study rooms, six of which are equipped with computers. We also have one dedicated quiet study room, which can accommodate up to ten people studying at individual carrels.

During the survey period, staff counted people in each room every hour that the library was open. While the results have not been fully analysed yet, there are some patterns emerging from the data. One pattern is that the group rooms with computers are used more often than the ones without computers. However, all rooms are used consistently, with peak times generally being weekdays from 10 AM to 4 PM. Also, the group rooms are used primarily by groups rather than by individuals. While this was always the intention of those rooms, we were not sure that this was the way they were in fact being used.

Students have consistently identified noise in the library as an area of concern and the quiet study room is available for these learners. However, the stats are showing that the quiet study room is not well used. Our sense is that, although students are asking for the quiet study space, they generally want to be in the thick of things in the main part of the library, rather than in a quiet study space. The full survey results will be available in July.

This week we are launching our "IM a Librarian" service – an instant messaging reference service. For the pilot project over the summer we will offer IM service 9-5 weekdays. We decided to go ahead with our pilot project this summer to prepare us for the arrival of the AAQ IM service, which will probably be launched in the fall. This way, our staff will be more comfortable with IM when our busy period comes next fall, and we'll have one less thing to learn! Details on our IM service are available on our website.



SAIT Library

Submitted by Nora Robinson & Dave Weber

New Staff

The Library has added two new staff to help handle its expanded service hours and its growing and diversifying information resources that include more E-Resources such as electronic books. Audrey Farch, Library Technician, and SAIT LIT grad, joined the Library in September and will be working

evenings and weekends at the Information Desk. Kat Johnston has filled the new instructional librarian position. Kat brings a wealth of classroom and web application instructional experience obtained during her work at Grant MacEwan Community College and University of Alberta libraries.

Kristian McInnis, one of our sessional evening/weekend staff, is currently working as the cover off for Michelle Racine who is on maternity leave until the summer of 2006.

Exhibits

The SAIT Library hosted its first ever SAIT staff artwork exhibit from November 14 to December 16. Fourteen instructors and staff from six departments displayed photographs, wood sculptures, fabric art, paintings, blown glasswork and mechanical sculptures.

Library Renovations

Lowering shelving to many 1.5 meters and reorienting some high 2 meter shelving have improved sight lines across the library and to windows on both floors. To improve circulation and in-library use, the English as a Second Language and Children's Literature collections were pulled from the main circulating shelves and given dedicated shelving.

Planning is underway to incorporate approximately 300 square meters of space adjacent to the library entrance into desktop/laptop access space. This renovation will necessitate two new sets of library doors, a new library information desk, and new book drop, plus workstations, a printer, a photocopier and a print release station.

Wireless Access in the Library

The SAIT Library has installed wireless technology. This service is designed to match laptops leased by SAIT students from the Information Systems Department. Non-compatible personal laptop wireless access has not been a high priority for the SAIT Information Systems Department. However, they do acknowledge that personal laptop use is growing on campus and will require greater support in the future.



(left to right) Dan Mirau-Concordia, Ann Gish-Grande Prairie, Susan Brayford, SAIT (standing), Lillian Gish-Medicine Hat, Brad Neufeldt-Mount Royal



Update your bookmarks!

The AAAL website address has changed to:

<http://www.nait.ca/libresources/aac/>

The new AAAL ListServ address is:

aac@news.banffcentre.ca



Retirements

Tom Skinner, one of the original members of AAAL, has retired. His participation in AAAL activities ranged from establishing and chairing the Statistics Committee to involvement with the AAAL/AGCL union list of serials and the union list of films and videos in the AAAL libraries. He joined the SAIT Library in 1973 as manager of technical services and became library manager in the late 1980s. In the late 1990s, Tom was seconded to the planning team for the new Heart Building where the Library is now located. He then moved to the Centre for Instructional Technology and Development serving as the head of Strategic Initiatives for the institution. Tom was honoured at the Spring AAAL meeting lunch at SAIT. He was presented with two books in recognition of his long time involvement with the AAAL. We wish Tom all the best!



Tom Skinner Head of SAIT Strategic Initiatives and long time AAACL executive member is honored at the meeting lunch.

Upcoming Events

The Augustana Faculty Library of the University of Alberta

6th Annual Information Literacy workshop!

Date: Thursday, November 16, 2006 (Wed., Nov 15 optional dinner)

Speaker: Elizabeth Dupuis
Head of Instructional Services, University of California, Berkeley
Project Director for the Mellon Library/Faculty Fellowship on Undergraduate Research at Berkeley
2004-2006 Association of Research Libraries Leadership Fellow
Former Head of the Digital Information Literacy Office at the University of Texas at Austin and project manager for the award winning educational site TILT.

More information at:
www.lib.berkeley.edu/~edupuis/

Theme title:
Supporting Undergraduate Research Experiences

Theme description:
Research-based learning can invigorate undergraduate education by engaging students in the process of discovery. Effectively supporting undergraduate research experiences requires that attention be directed toward a range of areas including:
- Developing successful collaborations

- Crafting creative assignments and assessments
- Initiating complementary programming and recognition
- Redesigning teaching and learning spaces

Where: Augustana Faculty, University of Alberta
Camrose, Alberta, Canada

Registration will open August 2006. Space is limited - plan to register early to avoid disappointment! Cost includes workshop handouts, lunch, and refreshments:

\$65 Cdn - on or before Sept 30, 2006

\$100 Cdn - Oct 1-31, 2006

\$150 Cdn - Nov 1-16, 2006

More information will be posted to listservs in the coming months and to

www.augustana.ca/library/workshop

Please feel free to **contact** me with any questions.

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Fall 06 AAACL Meeting

Grant MacEwan College
November 23, 2006

Hot Off the Press

Congratulations to Keith Walker, Medicine Hat College, on his election as Chair of the Community and Technical College Libraries (CTCL) section of the Canadian Library Association. His election was announced on Tuesday, June 13 on the CLA website.